

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and more bias and influence for special interest groups because of the owners affiliations or opinions and less of what we need for our democracy. I thought the job of the news media was to be a watchdog for the American people to inform them in an unbiased, truthful manner; not to be cheerleaders for any special interest group and especially not the government or any political party or candidate. What Sinclair is doing is very dangerous to our democracy!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.